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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Conversation with the Department of State  
re Daniels bill - H. R. 9825

**REFERENCE:** Memo dtd 19 March 1969, same subject

1. Called Robert Hull, Foreign Affairs Personnel Planning staff, Department of State, for a status report on the Department's efforts to obtain the benefits in the Daniels bill (H. R. 9825) for the Foreign Service retirement system.

2. Foreign Affairs Committee. Idar Rimestad, Deputy Under Secretary for Administration, Department of State, met with Representative Wayne L. Hays (D., Ohio), Chairman of the Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations, and stimulated a request for the Department's views on the impact of the Daniels bill on the Foreign Service retirement system. State Department's reply has been drafted and is being sent directly to Hays without clearance through the Bureau of the Budget. A draft of conforming amendments to the Foreign Service retirement system, while not formally attached to the Department's reply, also will be submitted. As suggested in referent memorandum, Hull could see the value of joining forces in obtaining conforming amendments for our respective retirement systems in the Daniels bill when it reaches the Senate, as an alternative to action by our respective legislative committees. He agreed that since basic concepts were involved an approach to the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee to amend the Daniels bill to include the major Federal staff retirement systems would be stronger than if only one of us made this approach. In this connection he said they would most likely approach Senator Gale McGee (D., Wyo.), Chairman of the full Committee and member of Senate Foreign Relations. He was not sure how Mr. Hays would view this, but opined that perhaps he wouldn't mind since it would be timesaving for the Subcommittee.

3. Civil Service Commission. Hull said that he, too, had learned from a source within the Civil Service Commission that the Daniels bill benefits (inseparable as they are from the financing package) would be acceptable to the Commission.

4. Possible points of contact in Department. I asked Mr. Hull who had been involved in Department consideration of the Daniels bill problem and he mentioned Ed Lysterly, Deputy Legal Adviser for Administration, and he had met with Mr. Rimestad, and, of course, his immediate chief, Clifford Halley, Assistant Chief, Foreign Affairs Personnel Planning staff. I suggested that it might be profitable for counterparts in the Agency and the Department to meet in the near future to review the possibility of joint action and he thought this would be a good idea.

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